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REMARKS

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Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on June 30, 2006, and the references cited therewith. This first reply is being filed within two months of the December 18, 2006 mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Claims 1-20 and 42-54 were previously cancelled. Additionally, claims 21, 28-30, 37, and 79 are now cancelled.

Allowable claims 24, 27 and 31 are amended solely to change them to independent form including all limitations of claim 21. Allowable claim 25 is amended to be dependent on claim 24 instead of claim 21, and to remove duplicate claim language. Allowable claims 26 is amended to be dependent on claim 24 instead of claim 21. Claims 35, 36, and 55-60 are amended to be dependent on allowable claim 24 instead of claim 21.

Allowable claims 63 and 64 are amended solely to change them to independent form including all limitations of claim 28. Allowable claims 65 and 66 are amended solely to change them to independent form including all limitations of claim 29. Claim 69 is amended to be dependent on allowable claim 65 instead of claim 30.

New dependent claims 88-91 are added to more fully describe the claimed invention. New claims 88 and 89 are supported by the last line of paragraph [0305] and Figures 24A, 27H, and 27M, and elsewhere in the original application. New claims 90 and 91 are supported by encapsulation layer 2760 of Figures 27E and 27J, paragraphs [0109], [0114], and line 15 of paragraph [0302], and elsewhere in the original application. No new matter is added. As a result, claims 22-27, 31-36, 38-41, 55-78, and 80-91 are now pending in the present application. The total number of claims decreased by 2, with total number of independent claims increased by two. Please charge the small-entity fees for any additional claim fees or other required fees, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account number 502931.

Claim Rejections – USC § 103

Regarding Section 2 of the June 30, 2005, Office Action: Claims 21-23, 28-30, 35-37, 55-62, 69, and 79 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

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over Meitav et al. (US Patent 6,576,365, hereinafter *Meitav et al.*). Applicant respectfully traverses.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant will not argue the rejected claims over *Meitav et al.* at this time, however Applicant reserves the right to timely reintroduce the rejected claims, or similar claims in follow-on continuing/divisional applications.

Claims 21, 28-30, 37, and 79 have been cancelled. Claims 22, 23, 35, 36, 55-62, and 69 have been amended to be dependent on allowable claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections on these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (952-278-3501) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If not otherwise provided herewith, please consider this a request for an extension of time for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502931.

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